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12 March 2003

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La communication ci-jointe, disponible en anglais, est transmise aux missions permanentes des Etats Membres de l'Organisation des Nations Unies à la demande des Représentants permanents de la Lettonie et de la Trinité-et-Tobago auprès de l'Organisation.

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Permanent Mission of  
the Republic of Latvia  
to the United Nations

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Excellency,

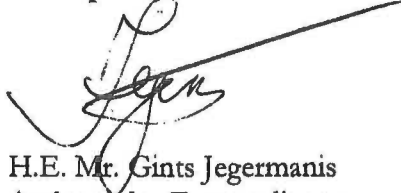
We have the honour to inform you that as of 11 March, 2003, the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago have established diplomatic relations between the two respective countries at ambassadorial level.

We, therefore, kindly request your Excellency to have the enclosed Joint Communiqué that we signed on behalf of our respective Governments, and the text of this letter, circulated to all Member States as an official document of the United Nations.

We take this opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurances of our highest consideration.

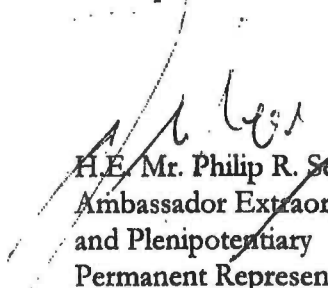
New York, 11 March, 2003

For the Government of  
the Republic of Latvia



H.E. Mr. Gints Jegermanis  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative  
of the Republic of Latvia  
to the United Nations

For the Government of  
the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago



H.E. Mr. Philip R. Sealy  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
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Permanent Representative  
of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago  
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H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
New York

**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ**  
**ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA**  
**AND**  
**THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

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The Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

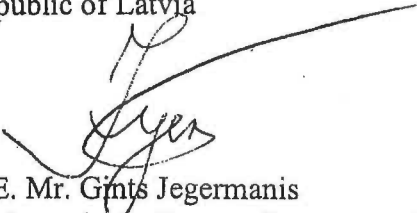
Desirous of promoting mutually beneficial relations of friendship and co-operation between the two nations on the basis of equality, mutual respect for each other's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity as well as on the basis of non-interference in each other's internal affairs;

Guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of International Law;

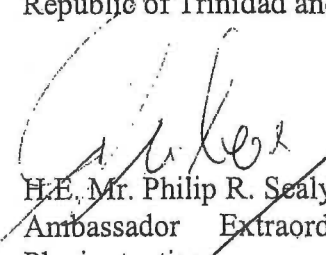
Have decided to establish diplomatic relations at the level of Ambassadors in accordance with the provisions of the 1961 Vienna Convention On Diplomatic Relations with effect from the date of signature of this Joint Communiqué.

Done in New York on the <sup>14</sup> day of the month of April in the Year Two Thousand and Three, in duplicate in the Latvian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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